THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means. The land belongs to private individuals. (Interruptions.) It has been given to individuals, and they are in possession of it now. The Government will have to pay compensation if they want to take back the land now."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, whether the pattas given were given to really poor people or to rich people? " 9 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I suggest to the hon. Gentleman to put a separate question as I have not got the information on hand."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" When the Government agreed to submerge thousands of acres of land on account of the Malampuzha Project, lands that were very good . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The supplementary question relates to the Malampuzha Project. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Printing of bus passenger tickets in England.

* 10 *Q*.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any bus passenger tickets for the City Transport department are printed in England;

(*b*) if so, how many have been printed and at what cost; and

(*c*) whether any quotations were called for or any advertisement was made inviting quotations before the order for printing the tickets was placed with an English firm in England?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Passenger tickets of the City Transport are usually got printed locally, but in May 1949 a sample order for the supply of twenty lakhs of tickets of various denominations, covering a week's consumption of the Government Bus Service, was placed with Messrs. Eastern Scales, Limited, Madras, who undertook to supply English made tickets much superior in quality and get up and printed on both sides with double colour at the rate of Rs. 100 per lakh of tickets, as against the local rate of Rs. 100 to Rs. 110 per lakh of tickets.

" (*c*) As the order was only a trial order and the quality compared favourably with the local purchases, quotations were not invited."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know what the total cost of printing these tickets was? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The hon. the Leader of the Opposition wants to know the cost of an experiment made in 1949. How can it be expected to be answered now by way of answer to a supplementary question? "

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SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I thought the Hon. Minister was saying that it was a week's supply. But I have got in my hand the tickets which were being sold at the time of putting my question. Certainly it was not a week's supply. So, may I know how many tickets the Government got from the firm and whether they are continuing the order? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have just mentioned in my reply that we got twenty lakhs of tickets printed at the rate of Rs. 100 per lakh."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Government consider the suggestion that it is inadvisable to place orders in England as that is not the way of encouraging Swadeshi? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I told the hon. Gentleman, tickets are now being printed locally only."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister give a categorical answer that the Government will not hereafter place orders in England in such matters? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Now, I want to tell the hon. Gentleman that the Government will not be able to do so as a matter of policy for the future."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will now consider the desirability of placing a fresh order in Russia to test the quality of the tickets that will be printed in Russia? "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" We want everything to be done in India. We do not want orders to be placed in foreign countries."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The present policy is to print tickets in Madras. If the Government decide to print them elsewhere, the suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of printing the tickets either in the Government Press or in the Madras Penitentiary? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government will consider the hon. Member's valuable suggestion."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In answer to a previous question, it was said that the order was a sample order. May I know how the order for printing twenty lakhs of tickets which are being issued even to-day can be called a sample order? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, my information is that only twenty lakhs of tickets—a week's consumption—were printed, and I think the hon. Gentleman will agree that the order for printing a week's consumption of tickets can reasonably be considered a sample order."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" They are issued even to-day. So, how can they be called a week's supply? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I want notice of this question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* PROMULGATION OF AN ORDER UNDER SECTION 41 OF THE MADRAS CITY POLICE ACT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri P. Ramamurthi has given notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance. The motion reads as follows :—

" That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the promulgation of an order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act on 20th June 1952, prohibiting assemblies and processions around the Assembly Buildings during the period of the current session of the Assembly."

I would like to know what the hon. Member wants to say on the question of admissibility. The hon. Member should not make a speech on the motion proper but he should only explain how it can be considered a matter of urgent public importance."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not now propose to go into the merits of the case. But I shall just briefly state the facts. On the 20th of this month the Commissioner of Police, Madras, issued an order under section 41 of the City Police Act, prohibiting assemblies and meetings around this House for a period of one month from yesterday. Sir, during the last session, an order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, prohibiting meetings and assemblies was issued, which was valid only for a day. This time the Commissioner of Police has gone a step forward or backward as this side or the other side of the House may understand it, and applied the provisions of section 41 of the City Police Act to prohibit assemblies and processions round about the Assembly Chamber for a period of one month from yesterday, that is, for the entire period of this session of the Assembly. During the last session, a motion for adjournment of the business of the House was moved and you, Sir, ruled it out on the ground that the Act itself provided a remedy by allowing recourse to the Court. But now under section 41 of the City Police Act, there is no provision for us to seek redress."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are other ways open to the hon. Member to seek redress."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I would like to say that this is a matter of urgent public importance because the order was in force yesterday, and will continue to be in force so long as this